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SAN MANUEL EXTENDS SUPPORT TO FAMILY OUTREACH ORGANIZATION
Chairman to Present \$250,000 to Priscilla's Helping Hands

San Manuel Indian Reservation (Highland, Calif.) – October 28, 2009 – The San Manuel Band of Serrano Mission Indians announced today that it has made a gift of \$250,000 to Priscilla's Helping Hands (PHH), a community outreach program that addresses the immediate need of families for food, clothing and shelter and then works to set out a path to self sufficiency through adult education and social services for families living within San Bernardino and neighboring communities.

"San Manuel realizes that often the smaller, lesser known community based organizations are responsible for making a positive impact in the community," said Chairman Ramos. "Our support of Priscilla's Helping Hands reflects our intent to reach out to groups that have their roots in San Bernardino and are often the first place families turn in times of need."

PHH was established in 1995 as part of the outreach efforts of Ecclesia Christian Fellowship in response to the expressed needs of underserved populations of San Bernardino. Since that time the organization has grown to provide aid to residents in Highland, Redlands, Colton, Rialto and San Bernardino. The organization's mission is to develop and implement programs that respond to immediate and long term needs of families in their service areas and promote responsible parenting, self-enhancement, and self-sufficiency.

"Priscilla's Helping Hands would like to sincerely thank Chairman Ramos and the San Manuel Band of Serrano Mission Indians for their generosity. Their support is greatly appreciated. We are particularly pleased that San Manuel has chosen to further their support of this community through a partnership with Priscilla's Helping Hands during these extraordinary economic times. This contribution allows us to extend our work assisting families with immediate basic needs but more importantly this gift permits us to enhance our efforts to help area residents reach their own goals of self sufficiency, personal productivity and long term sustainability."

In 2000, PHH developed Project REACH (Realizing Every Area for Children's Health) as the vehicle to deliver case management, adult education and child development programs. Additionally, Project REACH facilitates referrals and provides linkage between residents and local community service agencies.

Through partnerships with charitable organizations, San Manuel honors the Serrano traditions of sharing resources with others. San Manuel has contributed some \$30 million to charities since 2001. San Bernardino County is San Manuel's ancestral lands and the tribe is committed to enhancing the cultural richness, economy and people of the county.

About the San Manuel Band of Mission Indians

The San Manuel Band of Serrano Mission Indians is a federally recognized American Indian tribe located near the city of Highland, Calif. The Serrano Indians are the indigenous people of the San Bernardino highlands, passes, valleys and mountains who share a common language and culture. The San Manuel reservation was established in 1891 and recognized as sovereign nation with the right of self-government. Since time immemorial, the San Manuel tribal community has endured change and hardship. Amidst these challenges the tribe continued to maintain its unique form of governance. Like other governments it seeks to provide a better quality of life for its citizens by building infrastructure, maintaining civil services and promoting social, economic and cultural development. Today San Manuel tribal government oversees many governmental units including the departments of fire, public safety, education and environment.

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